

THE EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION IN WHICH AN EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY OR PRIVILEGE IS CLAIMED ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. A metal bezel for a banknote validator, said metal bezel comprising a main housing, a banknote drive arrangement secured in said main housing and an insert received in a port of said housing and defining a curved banknote slot leading to said banknote drive arrangement secured in said main housing, said curved banknote slot having a narrow entry which is connected by a first curved transition to an upwardly angled section which is connected to by a second curved transition leading to the banknote drive arrangement, said first and second curved transitions and said upwardly angled section allowing push insertion of a leading portion banknote therethrough by a user while minimizing the possibility of lodging of a coin in said curved banknote slot.
2. A metal bezel as claimed in claim 1 wherein said insert is a two piece assembly which defines said curved banknote slot between said two pieces thereof.
3. A metal bezel as claimed in claim 1 wherein said port extends substantially across said housing and is adjacent one of a top edge or a bottom edge of said housing.
4. A metal bezel as claimed in claim 1 wherein said insert and said housing cooperate to provide an area of high strength about said curved banknote slot.
5. A metal bezel as claimed in claim 4 wherein said main housing and said insert are made by metal casting.

6. A metal bezel as claimed in claim 1 wherein said insert is one of a first insert and a second insert, said first insert being used for a stacker up orientation of a validator and said second insert being used for a stacker down orientation of a validator.